(6) Government have in information.

(7) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to 6.

Statement of work, etc., of the Archaeologists.

226. Mr. K. J. Antony.—A. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a comparative statement of the following items regarding each of the above officers for each year :—

(1) the total number of days spent in camp;

(2) the number of places and historical sites visited;

(3) the amount of T. A. incurred, with the average per month incurred by each;

(4) the amount of touring charges incurred by each officer;

(5) the cost of equipment per officer per year;

(6) the establishment charges of each;

(7) the number of lithic documents, inscriptions and copper plates examined;

(8) number of times expenditure was incurred by each without previous Government sanction;

(9) the amounts so spent on each occasion;

B. Has the present officer copied or re-copied any inscription and himself deciphered any of the inscriptions copied so far according to his annual reports;

C. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the results achieved are commensurate with the heavy additional expenditure involved?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A. (1) to (9). Vide statement appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

B. Yes.

C. Yes. Government think so.

Official etiquette and Archaeologists.

227. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they or any Heads of Departments had any occasion to find fault with the general official etiquette or official irregularities of any of these officers;

(2) if so, a statement may be tabled with the necessary explanatory circumstances and action, if any, taken on the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2). Government do not think that any public purpose is served by answering the questions.

Tenure of office.

228. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state when is the period of the present Archaeologist's appointment to end?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The present Archaeologist is now on probation till the end of the current year.

Appointments above Rs. 50.

229. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers who were appointed on a salary of Rs. 50 and above in 1103 and 1104 with their qualifications; the number, names and qualifications of those who applied for such posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the appendix it will be seen that there are many applicants who have got higher qualifications than those who were appointed. May I know why preference was given to those who were less qualified?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the Hon'ble Member will refer to any special case, any particular instance, we will be able to give some reasons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are many cases.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the applications here and the appointments there, they are not for the same posts. The list of applicants for the period is given on the right-hand side and the list of candidates chosen is shown on the left-hand side. This list of applicants might not tally with the post or with the designation of the post on the appropriate left-hand side.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are many graduates-in-law among the applicants and only graduates are appointed in most of the cases here; not one or two.

President.—Give one or two instances.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—One A. P. Madahvan Nair, K. H Mohamed, then again Mr. N. R. Srinivasa Ayyar is appointed as Sub-Inspector. There were many applicants to that post who were B. A., and B. Ls. There was one Mr. P. S. Krishna Swami Ayyar who was a B. A. and B. L., then again Mr. M. Balakrishna Menon who is also a B. A., B. L., then there was an application from K. H. Mohamed who was a B. A. and F. L., Mr. C. V. Kuriyan, again a B. A. and B. L. There are so many B. A. and B. Ls. and yet Mr. N. R. Srinivasa Ayyar was appointed.

President.—Is it in the Police Department?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I refer to N. R. Srinivasa Ayyar in the Police Department.

President.—Applications were received from B. A., B. Ls. and none of them was preferred. Yes, one of them is Mr. N. R Srinivasa Ayyar.

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